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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1209
Application of: Garcia et al.
Serial No.: 08/479,077
Filed: June 6, 1995
For: SQUARYLIUM COMPOUNDS, AND
PROCESSES AND INTERMEDIATES FOR THE
SYNTHESIS OF THESE COMPOUNDS
Examiner: Cebulak, M.

Cambridge, Massachusetts
October 7, 1996

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 4) issued June 24, 1996 in connection with the above application, please amend the claims of this application as follows:

- Cancel claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.
- Claim 22, line 3, delete "an" (second occurrence).
- Cancel claims 25-44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement set out in Paragraphs 2-6 of the Office Action, applicants hereby confirm their election of Group III, claims 15-24. However, this election is now made *without traverse*, and accordingly the non-elected claims 14 and 25-44 have been canceled without prejudice to applicants' right to file divisional and/or continuation applications directed to the subject matter of these claims.

In view of Paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the duplicate word "an" has been deleted from claim 22, line 3. The undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for drawing this clerical error to his attention.